Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 5

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with ZAPALAC/ REED CONSTRUCTION CO.,LP, Austin, TX for the Avery Ranch/ Davis Springs Fire/ EMS Station in the amount of \$2,759,000 plus a \$100,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,859,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,859,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of ten (10) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 7.61% MBE and 18.98% WBE subcontractor participation.

The City of Austin annexed the Avery Ranch / Davis Springs area in the 1990s. This area has grown dramatically since the annexation. This fire station will bolster safety for this residential area. Currently, the service to this area is provided by Fire Station # 34 at 10041 Lake Creek Parkway.

The project consists of a new fire station with three bays for fire trucks and one for an EMS vehicle. Women's locker room facilities are included in this station. This building is designed to LEED standards. Additionally, new wastewater and gas lines are required at this site. Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts associated with the sewer and gas line extension, a 3.6% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project.